

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0029] of the specification with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

[0029] The shaft section 2 is designed at least partially hollow in order to accommodate the plug-in components. A connecting plug element 4 is arranged within shaft section 2. The connecting plug element 4 has a first mounting extension 5 for mounting of a hose extension 6 on connecting plug element 4 and a second mounting extension 7 for connection of the connecting plug element 4 to hand-held sprayer 1. In the preferred embodiment depicted in Figure 1 of a hand-held sprayer 1, the first mounting extension 5 is a tube extension whose diameter is reduced relative to the diameter of the connecting plug element 4 so that the hose extension 6 can be mounted on this tube extension. The diameter of the tube extension essentially corresponds to the inside diameter of the respective, connectable hose. The hose extension 6 can also be securely fastened to the first mounting extension 5 by one or more hose clamps 12 ~~(not shown)~~.

Please replace paragraph [0031] of the specification with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

[0031] Seals 14a, 14b ~~(not shown)~~ are preferably provided between the hose extension 6 and the first mounting extension 5, as well as between the second mounting extension 7 and the third mounting extension 8, which prevent liquid supplied via the hose, especially water, from emerging at the corresponding plug connection sites.

Please replace paragraph [0037] of the specification with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

[0037] The hand-held sprayer described herein can be used, for example, in showers 100 or also in cooking appliances 200, as shown in Fig. 3, in order to clean cooking appliances with water and/or cleaning agents.